

Obituaries



Sammye Winton
Sammye Winton, 84, of Dierks, Ark., entered her heavenly home on Nov. 21, 2025. She was born on Sept. 4, 1941, in her parents' home in Lockesburg to Andrew Tildan Dowdle and Ola Wyatt Dowdle. She grew up in Lockesburg and graduated from Lockesburg High School. On June 5, 1959, she married her beloved husband, Elbert Wayne Winton, in De Queen, Ark. God blessed them with 66 years of marriage, and together they built a life centered on love, family, and simply faithfulness. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Elbert Wayne; and her siblings: Elva Audine "Aunt Sook" Butler, Andrew Dowdle Jr., Ellen Revels, and Bobby Butler. She is survived by her sister, Erma Friday of Lockesburg.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Jeffrey Winton, and his wife, Malinda; her grandchildren, Zack Winton and his wife, Leslie, and Hannah Peek and her husband, Chase; and her great-grandchildren, Adyson, Mylie, Emmitt, Fletcher, and Lexi. She loved her family dearly and prayed continually for each of them.

She enjoyed reading, cooking, and quilting blankets for people in need. She was well-known throughout Dierks and the surrounding community for her fried pies and coconut pies -- treats so beloved they became almost legendary. Feeding people was her way of showing love, and she poured her heart into every dish she made. Her faith was steady and sincere, and she loved her church family at Dierks United Methodist Church, where she worshipped and served for many years.

Anyone who knew her would tell you she was a one-of-a-kind mix of sweetness, wit, and just enough stubbornness to keep life interesting. She was strong-willed in the best possible way -- determined, steady, and never one to back down when she knew she was right. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and they brought out a joyful and tender side of her. She loved her family fiercely and unconditionally, always ready to pray for them, encourage them, or offer a little correction if she

felt it was needed.

Her devotion to her husband, Elbert Wayne, was deep and lasting. She loved him wholeheartedly, even while making sure he knew when he needed straightening out. Their marriage was filled with love, humor, and countless stories that show her strong-willed spirit and her unwavering loyalty.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dierksen Hospice for the compassionate care and support they provided during her final days. Their kindness meant so much.

She lived her life with purpose, faith, and a spark of humor that made her unforgettable. Though she will be dearly missed, we rejoice knowing she is now at peace in the presence of her Savior and reunited with those who went before her.

Funeral services for Sammye will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025, at Dierks United Methodist Church with Bro. Carroll Jackson officiating. Burial will follow at 3 p.m. in Muse Cemetery in Muse, Okla., under the direction of Wilkerson Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, at the funeral home in Dierks.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Pathway to Freedom, Inc., a ministry that held a special place in her heart.

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Ste. 300-319
Little Rock, AR 72223
You can visit their website here:
<https://www.ptfprison.org/>
"Well done, good and faithful servant ... enter into the joy of your Lord." --Matthew 25:23

You may leave a condolence online at www.wilkersonfuneralhomes.com.



Patricia Ann Blakely
Patricia Ann Blakely, age 87 of Nashville, Ark., went to be with the Lord on Nov. 21, 2025. She was born on Aug. 2, 1938, in Nashville to the late Willie Vachel and Marie Puryear. Patricia was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Nashville. She served many years as the Children's Department Director and was very

passionate about Operation Christmas Child. She was the depiction of a true Christian woman with a servant's heart. Patricia worked as a teacher until retirement. Following retirement, she was an active Hospital Auxiliary member and taught ESL to Tyson employees. She thoroughly enjoyed being a spectator at her grandchildren's events and was an avid Scrappier and Razorback Fan. Patricia was a Scrappier majorette and could still twirl a baton even in her ailing years.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband Bobby Blakely.

Those left to cherish her memory include her two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Mike Duke of Firebaugh, California and Susan and Marty Renfrow of Nashville, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Audria (Patrick) Barr, Shelby (Trey) Witherspoon, Ashley (Gabriel) Gonzalez, Sara (John) Gay, Blakely Duke, and Amity Duke; six precious great-grandchildren, Lily, Ava, Jake, Sloane, Trip, and Ollie; as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Latimer Funeral Chapel in Nashville, with the funeral to follow at 2 p.m. with Ed McCrary officiating. Graveside services will take place at Ozan Cemetery at Bingen, under the direction of Latimer Funeral Home of Nashville.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Operation Christmas Child or SWA Paws.

You may send an online sympathy message at www.latimerfuneralhome.com.



Jerry E. Couch
Jerry E. Couch of Nathan, Ark., aged 80, died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, at a Texarkana nursing home. He was born Dec. 26, 1944, in Nashville, Ark., to his parents, Calvin Couch and Judy Couch Tinsley.

Jerry was a faithful member of the Murfreesboro Church of Christ. He had a successful 32-year career with Arkla Gas, retiring in 1998 as the state Manager of Construction. He was



NEW ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER. Thomas Wofford, right, is on the job as the animal control officer for the 'inter-local' animal control department serving Nashville, Dierks, Murfreesboro, Mineral Springs, Prescott and Washington. With Wofford is Nashville Alderman Herbert Turley who is also a parttime employee of the animal control department; longtime assistant Suzanne Gathright remains with the department.

also president of Arkansas One-Call from 1995-1997. He received the Distinguished Sales Award from Arkla in 1987. He was instrumental in the formation of Arkansas UPS.

He was preceded in death by his father and step-mother, Joyce Couch; his mother and step-father, Roy Tinsley; a son, Gary Couch; a brother, Robin Couch; two sisters, Carolyn Saldivar and Gaylon Dudley; and an infant brother.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Johnnie, of Nathan, Ark.; a sister, Sandra Kay Culp of Nashville, Ark.; a daughter, Nita, and husband Randy Fatherree of Nashville; a son, Keith, and wife Noelle of Nathan, Ark.; a daughter-in-law, Holly Couch; six grandchildren: Jenny and husband Will

Whitehead of Magnolia, Ark.; Kelsey and husband Chris Holder of Nathan, Ark.; Hunter Couch of Nashville, A.; Hope Couch of Texarkana, Texas; Karly Couch of Nathan, Ark.; and Kaylie Couch of Nathan, Ark.; four great-grandchildren: Bryson Holder, Emma Holder, Nathan Couch, and Maryanna Whitehead. Jerry loved spending time with children. He especially loved outings with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved making memories with them and was always ready for new adventures. He enjoyed the outdoors and the community of Nathan, where he was raised and lived most of his life. He took pleasure in hunting, fishing, camping, and tending the land. He was deeply loved and appreciated by his fam-

ily and will be dearly missed.

A special thanks goes to Elite Hospice and Dierksen Hospice, who provided exceptional care in the past year. Also, thanks to the staff of Avir/Waterton Nursing Home in Texarkana for their concern for Jerry.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday night from 5-7 p.m. at Nashville Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Murfreesboro Church of Christ with Ralph Mullins and Michael Howard officiating. Interment will follow in Academy Cemetery in Nathan under the direction of Nashville Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Academy Cemetery fund or the charity of your choice.

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A powerful tool to help you save for healthcare expenses

When it comes to saving for healthcare costs, few tools are as powerful as a Health Savings Account (HSA). Yet many Americans don't take full advantage of it.

HSAs offer a rare triple-tax benefit. You don't pay taxes when you contribute money, your earnings grow tax-free and you don't pay taxes when you withdraw funds for qualified medical expenses.

It's like a retirement account specifically for healthcare costs. Since out-of-pocket healthcare costs for couples in retirement can be high (over \$375,000 for those with Medicare and Medigap and nearly \$200,000 for those with Advantage plans, according to 2025 Milliman Retiree Health Cost Index), maximizing your HSA should be a priority.

Here are some things to consider:

Ensure your eligibility. To contribute, you must be enrolled in a high-deductible health insurance plan and cannot be on Medicare or claimed as someone else's dependent. You also can't have other health insurance coverage, though dental, vision and disability insurance are allowed. For 2025, you can contribute up to \$4,300 for individual coverage (\$4,400 in 2026) or \$8,550 for family coverage (\$8,750 in 2026). If you're 55 or older, you can add an extra \$1,000 annually. HSA contributions are generally made through monthly payroll deductions.

Think long-term. Many people treat their HSA like a checking account, spending the money as soon as medical bills arrive. Another strategy, however, is to leave your

HSA funds alone if you can afford to pay medical expenses out of pocket.

This approach lets that money grow for future healthcare needs, including retirement. This strategy transforms your HSA from a spending account into a powerful savings tool.

You can always reimburse yourself later for those out-of-pocket medical expenses, even years down the road, so long as you keep your receipts.

Invest for growth. Most HSAs offer investment options, yet only 9% of account holders take advantage of them according to a 2025 Devenir HSA survey. The remaining 91% keep their entire balance in cash, missing out on potential growth opportunities. Consider investing at least a portion of your HSA funds, especially if you don't expect to need the money soon. Just keep enough cash available to cover any immediate and significant medical expenses you might face.


Avoid early penalties. Before age 65, taking HSA money for non-medical expenses means paying income tax plus a 20% penalty. But once you hit 65, that penalty disappears and your HSA works much like a traditional IRA for non-medical withdrawals. Of course, using HSA funds for qualified medical expenses remains tax-free at any age, making it the ideal use for these dollars.

The bottom line: With healthcare costs continuing to rise, an HSA offers an opportunity to save money while reducing your tax burden.

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THE CECIL “BIRDDOG” HARRIS MEMORIAL

EARLY FILES

Tales from Howard County’s history reprinted in honor of longtime staff historian and photographer, Cecil Harris.
September 19, 1938 - December 15, 2012

Compiled by Patsy Young



Charlean Etter and Parker Westbrook prepare to show guests through the Trimble House at Christmas and Candlelight in Historic Washington, December 1993.

125 years ago: November 1900

Mr. E. B. Marr, the well-known farmer living two miles west of the city, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Friday by being kicked by a mule. Mr. Marr was attempting to kill a fly which was annoying the animal when he kicked him in the face. His nose was badly injured and there was a serious cut over his left eye. Mr. Marr was confined to his bed until last Monday when he came to town.

(Adv.) Everyone from the pulpit to the bar recommends Cheatham’s Chill Tonic as the finest antiperiodic in use, being free from poison and guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size.

81 years ago: November 1944

First Sergeant Mark D. Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lawrence of Nashville, recently landed safely in New Guinea with a contingent of the Army,

according to an advisory received by his parents.

Lost: Pointer Bird Dog, practically white with light lemon spots on right ear and scattered lemon ticks. Medium size dog, reward, Brice Carlton

68 years ago: December 1957

Nashville High School’s band building got an unscheduled paint job sometime Thanksgiving Day. This time the paint was green in contrast to the original red.

Pranksters apparently splashed the green paint on one side of the building and put some on another side. Superintendent E. T. Moody said he had no idea how much it would cost to repaint the building, and he has turned the matter over to the sheriff.

37 years ago: November 1988

Donald Brian Hatch of Nashville, a secondary edu-

cation major in the College of Education at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, was honored as a special scholar sponsored by the Weyerhaeuser Co. Foundation at a recent recognition hosted by Chancellor Dan Ferritor for students receiving major state and national scholarships. Hatch is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Hatch of Nashville.

Saratoga’s first homecoming queen put aside her crown long enough to score 15 points for a victory over the Blevins Hornets Tuesday night. SHS senior Earicker Smith was crowned during ceremonies Tuesday afternoon and again that night prior to roundball action.

A truck belonging to Jim Bob Hockaday was stolen from his residence at 814 Oak Street.

Inside the truck were three guns, some clothing and about \$200 according to the police report. Neighbors heard the truck start up about 3:00 a.m.

Public Record of Howard County

Items or documents that were filed, issued or recorded at the Howard County, Ark., courthouse during the period Nov. 13-19, 2025, unless noted otherwise, included the following:

Marriage Licenses
(*Marriage licenses cost \$60 at the County Clerk’s office*)
No marriage licenses issued during the period.

Civil Court
CV25-130, Nov. 12. First National Bank of Omaha vs. Martha Hutto. Debt.
CV25-131, Nov. 13. Raine Relerford vs. Sammie Relerford, et al. Petition to quiet title.

CV25-132, Nov. 17. Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Jennifer Cohen. Debt.
CV25-133, Nov. 18. Citibank vs. Jonathon Fox. Debt.

CV25-134, Nov. 18. Arkansas Department of Finance vs. Michelle Bailey. Register Arkansas judgment.

CV25-135, Nov. 19. LVNO Funding, LLC, vs. Nakia Oxley. Debt.

Domestic Relations Court
No new Domestic Relations cases filed since DR25-89, Nov. 7.

Criminal Court
(NOTE: POCS = possession of controlled substance; PODP = possession of drug paraphernalia; DOCS = delivery of controlled substance)

CR25-107, Nov. 13. State of Arkansas vs. Aiden Carter Evans, 20, white male, 57 Nome Dr., Nashville; 4 counts pandering or possessing visual or print medium depicting sexually explicit conduct involving a child, each class C felony.

CR25-108, Nov. 14. State of Arkansas vs. Meagan Leann Hull, 30, white female, 114 JB Steel Rd., Nashville; POCS, class C.

CR25-109, Nov. 17. State of Arkansas vs. Denise Juniel, 58, black female, 419 Pine, Mineral Springs; theft of property, class B; 6 counts tampering with public records, each class D.

Land/Property Transactions

Beneficiary Deed
Nov. 17. Rita Arnold; to James David Arnold and Jason Randal Arnold, tenants in common; Lots 11-12, Block 2, City of Nashville.

Redemption Deed
Nov. 17. State of Arkansas; to Ruby Lee Masters, Fulton; 1 ac. in S36 T11S R27W, 841 Yellow Creek Road; delinquent taxes and penalties of \$884.

Quitclaim Deeds
Nov. 14. Timothy Tate and Irene Tate, husband and wife; to Timothy and Irene Tate Family Trust; 3 tracts; Lots 18-19-20, Block 70, Town of Nashville; and Lots 9-10-11-12, Block 34, City of Nashville.

Nov. 14. Brenda J. Washburn; to Brenda J. Washburn as Trustee of the Brenda J. Washburn Living Trust; 4.82 ac. in S23 T9S R27W.

Nov. 17. Monica D. Brown and Darlene Dixon (fka Darlene Davis); to Monica D. Brown; part of Lots 12-13-14, Block 60, City of Nashville.

Nov. 19. Nelda King and Richard D. King, spouse; to Richard D. Nelda J. King, Trustees of the Richard and Nelda King Family Trust; part of Lot 7, all of Lot 8, Block 1, Holly Addition, Town of Dierks.

Warranty Deeds
Nov. 13. Cheryl Joyce; to Samuel Baker and wife Rebecca Baker; aggregate 45.35 ac. in S15 T10S R28W.

Nov. 13. Sherry Hammock; to Dana White and spouse Debbie White; 12.32 ac. in S13 T6S R29W.

Nov. 13. Clint Walker and Ashley Walker husband

and wife, and David Krantz and Risa Krantz, husband and wife; to James Mullen and Rhonda Mullen, Co-trustees of the Mullen Family Trust; 2 tracts, aggregate 115 ac. in S35/S36 T5S R28W. \$287,500.

Nov. 14. (Special) Weyerhaeuser Forest Holdings, Inc.; to Clint Walker and Ashley Walker, husband and wife; 14.35 ac. in S20/S21 T5sR29W. \$86,100.

Nov. 17. Linda Pollard (fka Linda Tyus) surviving spouse of Joe Willie Tyus; to Cynthia Herrera and Zoila Lizardo, joint tenants; 0.21 ac., part of Lot 5, in S23 T9S R27W. \$25,000.

Nov. 17. David Earl Williams and wife LaNeva Jo Williams, and James Michael Williams and wife Christy Denise; to Vernon Glenn Lance and wife Cynthia A. Lance; aggregate 84.12 ac. in S15/S16 T9S R27W. \$252,360.


Nov. 17. Rickie D. Barnes and Carolyn S. Barnes, Co-trustees of The Barnes Family Trust; to Lance William Lowrey and wife, Rachel Brooke Lowrey; 2 tracts; Lots 3-4-5-6, Block 10; and part of Lot 1, Block 11 and alleyway between Blocks 10-11; Sunset Addition, City of Nashville. \$185,000.

Nov. 18. Atypical Acres, LLC; to Victorino Hernandez; 5 ac. in S4 T9S R28W. \$25,000.

Nov. 19. Bungalow Bayou, LLC; to Robert Gaddis and Connor Stone, undivided 1/2 interest in aggregate 97 ac. in S10 T10S R28W. \$97,000.

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Former Mineral official faces 7 felony charges

The Mineral Springs City Recorder-Treasurer has been charged with using a city credit card to finance gambling online, and using whiteout to obscure line items in city financial records.

Denise Juniel, 58, black female, Mineral Springs, was charged by Prosecuting Attorney Jana Bradford on Monday, Nov. 17, with theft of property, a class B felony, and six counts of tampering with public records, a class D felony.

Juniel was a secretary with the MS Police Depart-

ment 2018-2021 before being appointed town secretary-treasurer by then-Mayor Vera Marks.

She paid bills and payroll for the city, according to current Mayor Bobby Tullis. She has been terminated.

Juniel’s first courtroom appearance was Wednesday, Nov. 19, when she was arraigned before Judge Tom Cooper, and had a March 10 trial date set.

She pleaded not guilty to the charge. She will be represented by Tisha Martin of the district’s Public Defender office.

Pretrial motions will be heard March 4.

The investigation includes legislative audit reports of 2023, 2024 and to-date in 2025.

The investigation was by Ninth West Judicial District investigator David Shelton, and two auditors from the Arkansas Legislative Audit agency.

According to the criminal charge report, as much as \$114,000 may have been taken by Juniel for her online gambling.

The investigation is ongoing.

Sentences handed down in criminal court

A 25-year term in the state prison system was the sentence for a 46-year-old Dierks woman charged with the rape of an underage male at a Nashville residence in early 2025.

Jennifer Gibson, 46, white female, Dierks, pleaded guilty before Judge Tom Cooper last Wednesday, Nov. 19, the regular day for criminal court in Howard County. She was sentenced to the term in the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC), court costs, must register as a sex offender and undergo seven years of supervision at the completion of her ADC sentence.

Gibson was among a group of defendants who pleaded guilty and were sentenced, including:

Angel Yanez, 32, white male, Gerdon, was charged with theft of property and breaking or entering, both felonies. He was sentenced to 180 days in a regional punishment facility, and six years of probation.

Danielle Kersey, 42, white female, Lafayette, La., was

charged with felony and misdemeanor controlled substance possession. She was sentenced to 90 days in rehab, a fine of \$2,000 and four years probation.

William Stroud, 42, white male, Nashville, charged with felonious possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, was sentenced to three years in the ADC with three years suspended imposition of sentence after one charge was reduced in class.

Not guilty pleas
Trial and pretrial motions dates were set for six defendants who entered not guilty or not true pleas.

Lonny Lunsford, 41, white male, Nashville, is charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, class A felony enhanced by proximity, and with maintaining a drug premises. Motions will be heard March 4, 2026.

Reveina George, 46, white female, Nashville, is charged with manufacturing a controlled substance, class A felony enhanced by proximity, and with maintaining a drug premises. Motions will

be heard March 4.


Otis Neal, 24, black male, Tampa, Fla., is charged with breaking or entering and theft of property. Motions will be heard March 4.

Megan Hill, 30, white female, Nashville, is charged with drug possession. Motions will be heard Feb. 11.

Denise Juniel, 58, black female, Mineral Springs, is charged with theft of property and six counts of tampering with the public record. Motions will be heard March 4.

Aiden Lewis, 20, black male, Nashville, pleaded not true to failure to meet the terms of his probation in a 2019 sentence for theft of property. His probation revocation hearing will be Jan. 7.

A failure to appear warrant was ordered for Elmalik Shabazz Goodspeed, 46, black male, Texarkana, who missed his assigned court date on a charge of possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver. When apprehended he will be jailed with no bond set.



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Point of view

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But first, let me tell you why I believe in UFOs

YES, I AM STILL HERE peeking out my window on Main Street, and while doing a bit of research for another article this past weekend, I came across a Mine Creek Revelations column in which I wrote about going to Foreman, Ark., for the memorial service of one of my college roommates.

His name was Joseph Taaffe Rice and he was in law school when we met. He was an Air Force veteran. After a year or so, Joe gave up on law school and moved back to Foreman where he taught school and raised blueberries. We stayed in touch for a few years.

He was responsible for flipping my doubting mind about UFOs. Sometime back in the 1980s Joe, along with another Little River County guy named Jim Williamson, and hundreds of their neighbors saw something in the night sky. Jim was owner and editor of the ‘Little River News,’ so we were friends personally and professionally. Joe and Jim knew OF each other, but weren’t close friends. Plus, their own sightings were miles apart -- Joe’s near Foreman and Jim’s near Ashdown.

They saw the UFO on two consecutive nights. Jim, being a good newspaperman, jumped in his car and drove ahead of the UFO’s path in an effort to get pictures. But it was at night so the pics weren’t so good. Still, because he was so believable he got invited to speak at a UFO convention of believers several times in ensuing years.

After the sightings were in the news I called both of my friends to tease them about seeing a UFO. Neither of them took teasing very well on this subject and I took note.

While in the Air Force, Joe had supervised loading of cargo aboard large aircraft. So, he wasn’t an amateur at estimating size, altitude and characteristics of an aircraft.

He very seriously described what he saw. It glided low; it was about the size of a football field; was flat black in color; triangular in shape.

Jim described it the same way. I asked about the sound. Each said that there was little or no sound. Maybe a low moaning.

For the life of me I cannot remember if either of my buddies said anything about lights.

Is the hair on the back of your neck standing up, yet? These were very believable citizens, so I am no longer a doubter. Both friends are gone now, so they really know the truth.

There are some things we Earthlings just don’t yet know. I try to keep an open mind.

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CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING FIRST, and then Christmas is just around the corner.

Downtown Nashville looks great with the trees attached to light poles. And the big tree is NOT in the middle of the street.

Thanks to Diamond Bank for permitting the Pumpkin Patch earlier and, now, the Christmas tree on that property.

That tree is not honest-to-goodness REAL like back in the days when the tree was transplanted from the woods to the middle of Main Street in the heart of downtown Nashville.

That tree always got whacked by some inattentive driver. Seems-like it was even ripped down one year.

A couple of years ago the chamber of commerce asked folks to bring leftover and old artificial trees, the pieces of which were assembled into one large tree. But I think this is no longer a tree of leftovers.

Anyway. We’re anticipating the Cross Point Cowboy Church Living Nativity, and First National Bank is getting ready to host the first Christmas Community Coffee of the season. There’s the parade, and the Open House at the museums.

And there are still more wonderful community coffees to come. Sorry, I almost forgot Christmas and Candlelight in Historic Old Washington.

So, no matter how much Thanksgiving turkey and dressing you consumed we’re rolling in the direction of Christmas.

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THINGS I LEARNED from opening (and believing) email: "MOSQUITO -- An insect that makes you hate houseflies less.

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WORD GAMES. I really love oxymorons. Like: The Razorback football game against the Texas Longhorns got Pretty Ugly in the second half.

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HE SAID: “I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land.” Jon Stewart, political commentator and comedian

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SHE SAID: “Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.” Oprah Winfrey, entertainer

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SWEET DREAMS, Baby

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Arkansas seeks federal funding to offset cuts to Medicaid program

By State Sen. Jimmy Hickey Jr.

In July, the federal government’s passage of HR1, the Big Beautiful Bill, established the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program. The program established \$50 billion to be allocated to the States over a ten-year period to alleviate concerns over the cuts to Medicaid in the bill.

Half of the funding will be divided equally among the 50 states and the remaining funds will be made available to states through grants distributed by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

In October, Arkansas applied for a portion of the federal funding in the amount of \$1 billion that would be paid out in installments over five years.

The RHT Program seeks to address the major challenges faced by rural Arkansas. Statistics from the Arkansas Department of Health found that about 45% of Arkansas live in rural areas, making it one of the most rural states in the country.

Almost half of our rural hospitals are considered vulnerable to closure.

The state’s proposal is divided into four subsections: Promoting Access, Coordination, and Transformation (PACT), Healthy Eating, Active Recreation, and Transfor-

mation (HEART), Recruitment, Innovation, Skills, and Education for Arkansas (RISE AR) and Telehealth, Health-monitoring, and Response Innovation for Vital Expansion (THRIVE).

The PACT initiative is the costliest, with \$400 million for initiatives including primary care, specialty care, preventive screenings, and telehealth services in underserved communities.

The plan would focus on Clinically Integrated Networks (CIN) to improve efficiency, data sharing and regional collaboration. PACT ensures that rural residents can access timely, coordinated care close to home.

The HEART initiative would cost approximately \$150 million to create a community-driven approach to nutrition, physical activity and chronic disease management.

HEART would strengthen rural health systems by integrating school programs, community-based initiatives, faith organizations, and healthcare education. In addition, it would provide \$10 million for school-based clinics and mobile care units.

With approximately \$161 million, the RISE AR initiative would focus on recruitment and training programs, increasing medical

school rotation slots and new workplace retention methods.

The strategy for THRIVE would be funded at approximately \$267 million to upgrade EMS and emergency response systems.

The initiative would also be invested in telehealth infrastructure, including cybersecurity and network upgrades, with nearly \$92 million to be used for launching remote pilot programs for chronic diseases.

CMS is currently in the review process of the RHT grants that will be awarded by the end of this year.

According to the National Rural Health Association, each state is given a score dependent on rural facilities and population estimates based on factors outlined by the CMS.

The Rural Health Transformation Program presents an opportunity to invest in promoting an innovative and sustainable healthcare system in rural Arkansas.

Through proper funding and implementation, the program has the potential to improve the long-term financial viability of Arkansas’s rural healthcare.

The application for the grant can be found at: <https://governor.arkansas.gov/arkansas-rural-health-transformation-program-application/>.

November is National Adoption Month

By U.S. Sen. John Boozman

The changes that come with fall make us take notice.

Natural State foliage turns from bright green to marigold and crimson while students break out warm coats amid crisp, cool mornings. As the calendar shifts, communities gear up for festive traditions and families look forward to connecting and comfort food for the holiday season.

One constant, however, is our state’s generous spirit. Few embody this better than the hundreds of exceptional adoption and foster families who have opened their hearts and homes to welcome children in need of a loving, chosen family.

Each November, our country recognizes National Adoption Month as an opportune time to increase awareness of children in foster care, the process of adoption and the organizations and families that change lives for the better.

There are nearly 5,000 Arkansas kids in foster care. Fortunately, due to the relentless efforts of exceptional advocacy groups and dedicated families, this number continues to decrease.

As a proud member of the

bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption, I am pleased to work with my House and Senate colleagues to bolster efforts encouraging adoption and ensuring parents and adoptive families have the resources and guidance that lead to successful adoptions.

Every child deserves a loving family and home, and this particular coalition has made strides by sharing the many heartwarming and life-changing stories surrounding adoption, addressing common misconceptions and ultimately shedding light on kids hoping to find their permanent homes and new families full of loved ones.

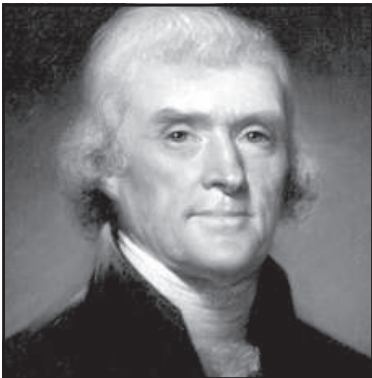
One such story is that of Bentonville’s Lisa Stockdale, who is being honored as the 2025 Angels in Adoption honoree. Her selfless service, compassion and commitment to tireless advocacy have impacted the lives of many – including the 37 children she has welcomed into her own home. My office was proud to celebrate Lisa’s work to cultivate stable, safe and loving environments by highlighting her efforts in the Congressional Record presented to her by my staff in Arkansas.

Lisa’s recognition is just one shining representation of our state’s distinguished efforts. We are truly blessed to have Arkansans willing to share not only their homes, but their love and acceptance for young people searching for a brighter future.

Now that the government has reopened after the shutdown, my colleagues and I can return to normal legislative activity including supporting a resolution designating Nov. 22 as National Adoption Day. This observance celebrates the thousands of children who have transitioned from foster care to permanent families across the country and encourages continued advocacy and action.

Working together, we can help connect more children to their forever homes.

During this season dedicated to giving thanks, let us be sure to express sincere appreciation for those opening their hearts to children in need of parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins and everyone in between. Arkansas’s spirit of generosity and empathy is stronger than ever and will only continue to inspire progress to come as changing seasons change lives.



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The Nashville Junior High Scrappers won the championship of the Nashville Insurance Tournament Saturday night, Nov. 22, at Scrapper Arena. They defeated El Dorado in the finals. John Martin is the coach.



NJHS photo/HANNAH TOPOR

The Nashville Junior High Scrapperettes were the runners-up at the Nashville Insurance Tournament Nov. 22. They are coached by Magen Scrivner. De Queen won the championship.

Award

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Harberson presented the award.

• Craig was named the *Arkansas Business* Hospital CFO of the Year in 2021.

Craig said the financial executive position is “a challenge. It’s tough to balance the clinical side and the financial side.”

Part of the process is to “reverse out migration,” he said. “We’re working hard to do that. Our robotic surgery program is a game changer with hiring Dr. [Mark] Sutherland full time.”

Ensuring that HMH is paid for services is important, Craig said. “I don’t want more than we’re entitled to, but I want what we’re entitled to.”

Contract negotiations with payors “continues to be a focus. Inflation is a factor. We work to control costs,” Craig said.

The “Big, Beautiful Bill” passed earlier this year will have an impact on healthcare, according to Craig. “I anticipate some on Medicaid will lose coverage. It’s a challenge for all of us.”

Recruiting is also important, he said. “We’re competing with larger markets for registered nurses, lab techs, staff that we need. It’s tough for smaller hospitals.”

Howard Memorial’s recognition as a top 20 Critical Access Hospital “is one of the most rewarding

things” to come from the competition, he said. “We’re hitting those marks without the resources that larger hospitals have. The key is taking care of the people in our service area.”

From hospital CEO Harberson’s viewpoint, “Working alongside Bill is a true privilege; his integrity, strategic insight, and commitment to our team continually elevate the standard for all of us.

“His recognition as Financial Executive of the Year not only celebrates his outstanding personal achievements but also highlights the positive impact he has on our hospital and community,” Harberson said.

“In my first role as CEO, Bill has been an invaluable partner, helping make my leadership transition remarkably smooth through his steady guidance and wise counsel.

“I value our working relationship, and it was inspiring to be at the awards luncheon to see his hard work recognized in such a meaningful way and to witness the moment he received this prestigious honor in person.

“This distinction spans all industries across the state, and the fact that Bill was selected reflects the extraordinary caliber of his leadership as well as the strength of our hospital and our community. We are fortunate to have the very best in financial leadership, and Bill’s example makes all of us—and our hospital—

stronger.”

Craig didn’t set out to become a hospital CFO. He was a CPA at a firm in Little Rock and was asked to go to Levi Hospital at Hot Springs to close the books. He was named comptroller at the facility for 90 days.

Craig applied for the permanent position and was hired. “The partners believed in me more than I did,” he said.

After four years at Levi, Craig spent 19 years at St. Joseph in Hot Springs, a facility was served as management firm for Howard Memorial for part of Craig’s tenure.

Tim Johnsen, St. Joseph CEO, asked if Craig would like to be CFO at HMH.

He came to Nashville in May 2010.

At the time, Howard Memorial was a one-building facility. “It’s been rewarding to see this move from a campus with only the hospital on it to a real medical campus,” Craig told *Arkansas Business*. “It’s just fascinating to be part of a rural hospital in Southwest Arkansas.”

Craig admits that he has “a tendency to take work home.”

However, he and Cherie enjoy traveling. They also attend Broadway shows in Little Rock. “They’re excellent.”

The Craigs enjoy going to concerts as well.

Craig said he likes to “work out, routinely six days a week. That keeps me clear headed and helps reset for the week.”

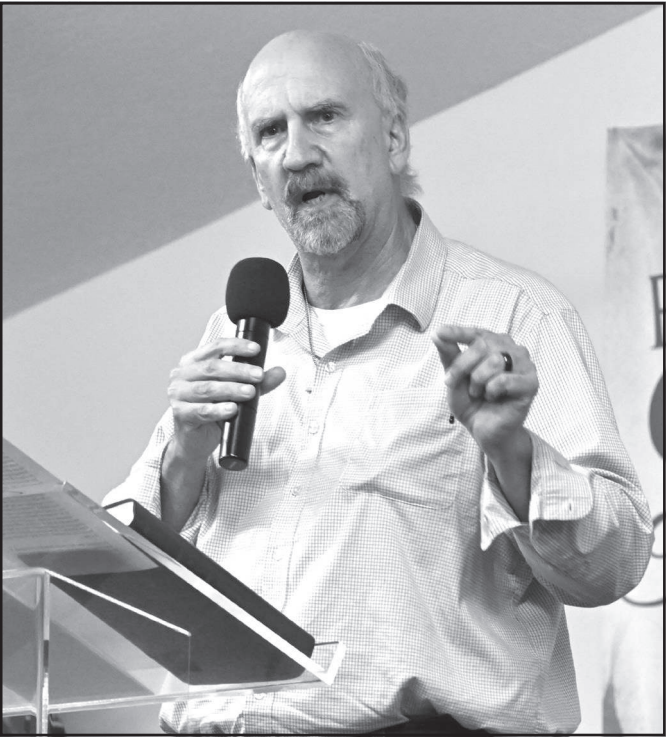


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THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION.

(Above) Pastors from several area churches gathered at New Life in Jesus Christ Church Sunday night, Nov. 23, for the community Thanksgiving service hosted by the Nashville Pastoral Alliance. The evening included music, scripture readings, an offering and preaching.

(At left) Wade Eggers, pastor of Nashville Global Methodist Church, delivers the Thanksgiving sermon.



Thanks

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day of thanksgiving on the last Thursday of November, 1789, to celebrate the new Constitution. But that’s not the end of the story.

Sarah Beth Hale is not a name most folks are familiar with. She was a writer and the editor of a women’s magazine (she wrote “Mary Had a Little Lamb”), and in 1827 Hale began lobbying to make Thanksgiving, celebrated on the last Thursday of November, a national holiday.

Her efforts paid off decades later when President Abraham Lincoln

did exactly that in 1863.

The last president involved in the national holiday was Franklin D. Roosevelt, who, in 1939, declared Thanksgiving Day to be the 3rd Thursday of November.

He hoped that lengthening the holiday shopping season between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas would cause people to spend more money, helping end the Great Depression.

Instead, his move turned out to be highly controversial, with some states and cities celebrating Thanksgiving on the 3rd Thursday and some on the last Thursday. The media stirred up the controversy, and it became known as

“Franksgiving.”

Finally, in 1941, Roosevelt signed a bill passed by Congress which officially and forever designated Thanksgiving not as the last Thursday of November, like Washington and Lincoln, and not the third, like Roosevelt originally did, but as the fourth Thursday of November.

So when you sit down with family and friends this Thursday, you now know The Rest of the Story. Take a moment to give thanks and also to reflect on where the holiday came from, both its history and the menu.

And one interesting fact (no joke) from Roto-Rooter: the day after Thanksgiving is their busiest day of the year.

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NES Honor Roll named

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Fifth grade

All A's - Axel Berruquin, Maddox Brasel, Henri Cobb, Olivia Craig, Malorie Dowdy, Mya Evans, Danniela Gracia, Carlos Hernandez, Noe Leon Jr., Kallen Martin, Monroe Mason, Jaxon May, Kessie McJunkins, Kenen Ornelas, Tyler Parker, Abbi Perez, Kerby Rowland, Karaline Scrivner, Elliot Stanley, Samuel Stinson and Lani Webb.

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Sixth grade

All A's - Marisela Aguilera, Richard John, Sicily

Bufkin, Lemetric Cheatham, Colton Couch, Malachi Fletcher, Hope Gracida, Kaven Harberson, Mia Hernandez, Madelyn Hibberd, Elijah Hopkins, Hope Jarman, Judas Jarman, Mason Jing, Jana Jones, Jaylee Jones, Paris Jones, Myla Lewis, Donnell Lofton, Jax McAdams, Maggie McElyea, Aiden McKinney, Claire Myers, Leonardo Ornelas, Adrian Ortiz, Josue Perez, Allison Reich, Abigail Rios, Avery Rodgers, Jose Sanchez, Cadence Scoggins, Chazzmine Thornton, Kheyleigh Wakefield, Eden Wallis and Kash Webb.

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AT REGIONAL MEETING. Howard County retired teachers who attended a recent regional leadership meeting include (seated) Fran Strawn, Linda Campbell, Cindy Puryear; (second row) Linda Wilcox, Pam Wynn, Shirley Blakely, Patsy Young, Ruth Ann Jacobs, Connie Castleberry; (back row) Betty Johnson, Judy Cassady, Judy Hockaday, Stacy Purnell, Janet Jamison and Shirley Wright.

Retired school employees host meeting

By Patsy Young
News-Leader staff

The Howard County Retired School Employees were host to the ARTA Area IV Leadership Conference Oct. 28 in the Family Activities Building at First Baptist Church of Nashville.

The building was beautifully decorated for fall, and door prizes were provided by the local unit. Breakfast and lunch were served by Bi Yu Catering.

About 60 retirees attended from counties in southwest Arkansas, including Hempstead, Little River, Miller, Garland, Hot Spring, Ouachita, Sevier and Howard.

Judy Cassady, Howard County's president, gave a welcome and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Shirley Wright gave the invocation.

Nashville mayor Larry Dunaway welcomed the

Winner named in final football contest of season

Malachi Hickey is the winner of the final week of the newspaper's 2025 football contest.

He was correct on 8 of the 10 picks to win a combo meal at Starz Family Restaurant.

Scores of the games in the contest include the following:

Arkadelphia 23, Clinton 18	Bauxite 40, Mills 28	Cross County 48, Junction City 22	Prairie Grove 27, Pochontas 20
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Read the clues to fill in the puzzle. It is about the Pilgrims, their Thanksgiving and the Thanksgiving we enjoy today.

The Pilgrims:

- were from this country
- wanted religious
- sailed on this ship to America
- landed here in Massachusetts
- lost almost one half of their people during the first, cold, hard
- were shown ways to grow food by Squanto, a member of the Patuxet, who could speak English
- in the fall of 1621, shared a harvest
- with members of the Pokanoket tribe
- had races and

freedom Mayflower

A whole cornucopia filled with fruits and nuts to gobble up. Yum!

turkey walks table winter feast

10. Thanksgiving is on the 4th Thursday of of

11. people will travel many miles to visit

12. most families will roast a

13. they gather around the dinner and enjoy a feast

14. it's a day to think about all of the good things in our lives and to be

15. turn on the T.V and watch the huge balloons, bands and floats in the famous Thanksgiving

16. go for long with the family

17. head outside after dinner and play touch

18. have pie for dessert

On Thanksgiving We...

celebrate family	watch football
give thanks	prepare food
roast turkey	decorate tables
remember friends	march in parades
visit neighbors	eat pumpkin pie

VERBS are **"ACTION"** words. Find and circle all the action words that are underlined above.

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Finals 11/22
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Team members include (front from left) Dalle Graham, Delannie Hawthorne, manager Katelyn Moore, Claire Fatheree, Aaliyah Chapman; (back) Assistant Coach Taylor Collum, Scarlett Nuttall, Ali Shelton, Brielle Kirby, Faith Castelman, Taigen Collins, Amelia Kirby, manager Kinley Pitchford, Head Coach Will Stewart.

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Finals 11/22
Dierks 38/Cutter MS 29

Team members include (front from left) Eli Brinkley, Seth Bearden, Henry Semmler, Klay Helms, Madden Hill, Austin Mathis; (back) Head Coach Taylor Collum with kids Taytum and Rosslyn, Parker Gadbury, Nash Hill, Jacoby Faulkner, Konnor Jones, Maxton Greene, Griffin Shankles, Braxton Bullard, manager Tucker Wade, Assistant Coach Will Stewart.

Mineral Springs Hornets close out football with second-round loss

After a turn-around season that saw the team go 0-5 before making the state Class 2A playoffs, the Mineral Springs Hornets were sent home Friday night from Des Arc with a 48-18 second-round loss.

The Hornets finished the season with a 6-6 record under first-year head

coach Jarrod Jackson.

The 2-2A Des Arc Eagles will take on Cross County this Friday night in the quarterfinal bracket. The MS Hornets secured the second-round game by upsetting No. 1 Hampton in Hampton, 32-6.

MS Hornets 0
Bismarck 61

MS Hornets 12
Quitman 42

MS Hornets 0
Junction City 39

MS Hornets 22
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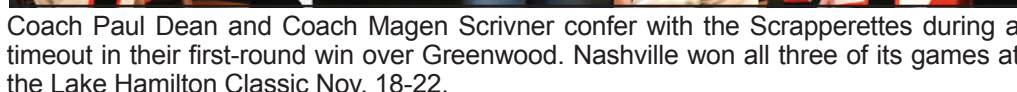
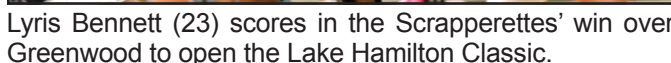
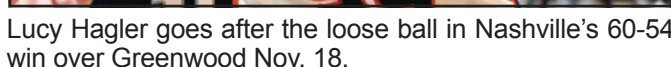
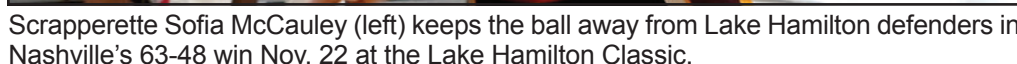
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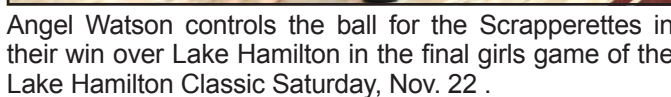
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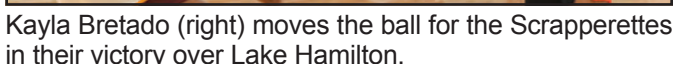
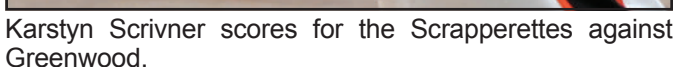
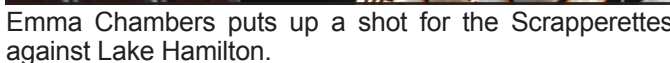
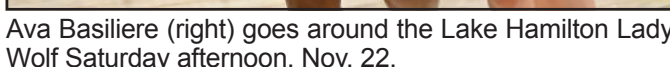
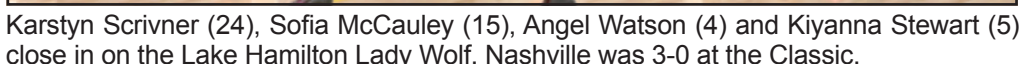
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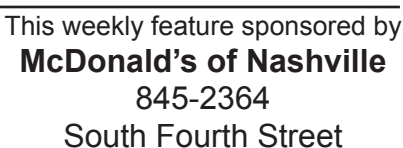


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Players of the Week as selected by The Leader sports department

The Nashville Junior High Scrapers won the Nashville Insurance Tournament Saturday night, Nov. 22, at Scrapper Arena. They defeated El Dorado to earn the championship. John Martin is the NJHS coach.



Pike County veteran earns Hall of Fame

George W. Ballard is county's first veteran to receive Arkansas honor

By Gary Graves
Pike County Archives & History Society

This time of year is when fall festivals happen, including music festivals, harvest celebrations, and local events. However, one event that is rarely heard about is the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame (AMVHOF).

What exactly is the AMVHOF, its purpose, and what does it mean to the residents of Pike County? The AMVHOF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring Arkansas military veterans and educating the public about their achievements. It was established in 2010 by retired Colonel Conrad Reynolds to preserve the legacy of Arkansas veterans. Each year, the organization inducts up to 15 veterans, some recognized for their valor and others for their military and civilian service. This November 2025, the AMVHOF inducted 16 veterans at a ceremony and banquet in Little Rock, Arkansas.

This year, Pike County Archives & History Society (PCAHS) had the privilege of nominating one of its own citizens, George Wilton Ballard, a Tech 4, who was inducted into the AMVHOF on Nov. 15.

Ballard is the first veteran from Pike County to be inducted into the AMVHOF. The following is his legacy and the reason for his induction:



Photo Courtesy of PCAHS

GEORGE W. BALLARD of Murfreesboro has been inducted into the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

On Feb. 4, 1919, at just three years old, Ballard's mother, Jane Alvin "Alta" Cocke, passed away. Growing up on a farm in the small community of Murfreesboro, he quickly learned that long days of hard work in the fields and caring for livestock were simply part of life. He took on those family responsibilities from childhood into his young adulthood.

Ballard's first significant achievement was enlisting in the Army on Feb. 10, 1936, and he was assigned to the 2nd Cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, as a machine gunner. Shortly after enlisting, his father became disabled, prompting Ballard to request discharge due to his father's dependency, which was granted.

On Dec. 17, 1937, Ballard sought to re-enlist and on Dec. 18, 1937, he raised

his right hand for a second time. During his second enlistment, he was assigned to the 31st Infantry, Service Company as a truck driver and was promptly sent to the Philippines.

Re-enlisting a second time was a major decision for Ballard at that point, especially since leaving home and family would create a gap in the much-needed help with running the farm, particularly during the height of the Great Depression. The war in Europe was escalating, and like many young men of that era, enlisting in the military was seen as both an honorable act of service and a duty that brought a sense of pride.

Even though friends who had already enlisted said basic training was tough

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Horses asked to sit out parade due to outbreaks

"After much thought and consideration in regards to the recent EHV-1 outbreaks and other associated illnesses in nearby area, the Nashville Chamber of Commerce regretfully asks that horses and all equestrian animals please stay home from this year's Christmas Parade scheduled for Dec. 1. We are disappointed in having to make this decision but would rather keep our community's beloved animals safe during these times. Thank you for your understanding in this matter."

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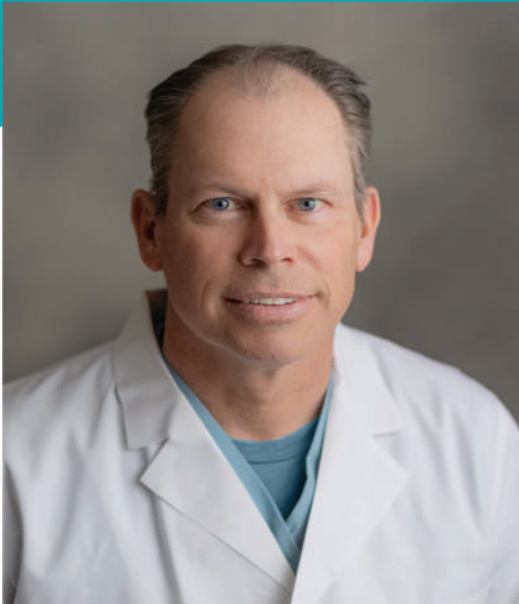
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the daily challenges would be harsh, Ballard was not deterred by this decision and believed his tough life had prepared him for anything the military could throw at him. Little did he realize back then the prophetic meaning behind such a thought and what he would later find necessary to endure.

Ballard's second most notable achievement occurred on Dec. 8, 1941, while he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment under General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines. The invasion by the Imperial Japanese Army on the Philippine Islands marked the start of an almost four-month-long fight for survival, which ultimately ended with his capture. However, within just a few days, his experience as a prisoner of war exposed him to horrors and challenges he would face for the next two years and seven months of his life.

Over six days and sixty-five miles through brutal jungle, suffering from starvation, thirst, sickness, and surrounded by death and brutality from his Japanese captors on what would become known as "The Bataan Death March," Ballard was taken to what would later be known as the most infamous Japanese POW camp, known to the U. S. Army as Camp O'Donnel, where he continued to endure atrocities at



PIKE COUNTY VETERAN. A young George W. Ballard (at left) at home in Murfreesboro and Gary Graves and Ballard's son, Tim Ballard, at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

the hands of the Japanese soldiers.

Nearing the end of Ballard's captivity in October 1944, General MacArthur was fulfilling his promise to return to the Philippines. Unfortunately for Ballard, this was not his ticket to freedom.

The Imperial Japanese Army, during their evacuation of the Philippine Islands, took the Allied POWs with them. Ballard and his fellow prisoners were loaded like cattle onto one of 12 unmarked transport ships; this one was named the Arisan Maru. After two weeks of

avoiding Allied bombers, the Arisan Maru broke into open water but was spotted by an American submarine patrol. The ship was torpedoed and sunk, and Ballard's body was never recovered.

On Oct. 24, 1944, Technician 4th Grade George Wilton Ballard was listed as Missing-In-Action and later Killed-in-Action, in the South China Sea.

Ballard's most notable achievements were officially recognized after his death. He was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry on Jan. 24, 1942, while under threat from small arms, mortar, and



Photos Courtesy of PCAHS

artillery fire.

Ballard and a companion repaired weapons carriers, trucks, and fixed flat tires, risking their own safety and preventing the Japanese Imperial Army from capturing the vehicles.

Ballard also received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart Medal, POW Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, WW-2 Victory Medal, Philippine Defense Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, and the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation.

Like every Soldier, Sailor, Airman, and Marine of World War II, young Technician 4th Grade George Wilton Ballard, of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, United States Army, didn't wake up to the bugle call of Reveille each morning, look into the mirror, and say, "You are a hero in the making!"

His thoughts probably went toward surviving the day. Ballard would face many trials and tribulations; he would leave his mark on American history as one whose shoulders we stand on today.

In conclusion, the trip to

Little Rock for George W. Ballard's award ceremony, along with Tim Ballard and his wife Shannon, and me, Gary Graves and wife Sharon from the PCARHS, went smoothly. The ceremony itself was lengthy, honoring 16 veterans into the Hall of Fame, and it included moments that brought tears to the eyes.

The PCAHS would like to give a big shout-out to two friends, Rick Floyd and Bob Williams, for their help with editing the nomination packet sent to the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame.

Texas equine herpes outbreaks puts Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma horse communities on alert

By Mary Hightower
U of A System Division of Agriculture

The Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma agriculture departments are putting horse owners in their states on alert following an outbreak of an easily spread, but preventable virus that can be fatal to equines.

As of Thursday, there have been no cases of equine herpes reported in Arkansas.

Mark Russell, professor and extension equine specialist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, offered some advice: "For the most part, people should keep their horses at home until we know more about the situation."

On Thursday, the Arkansas Department of Agriculture recommended that all equine events, includ-

ing shows, competitions, and large gatherings, be postponed for the next two weeks as a precautionary measure to protect the health of horses across the state.

The department also made the following recommendations for horse owners and event organizers:

- Postpone or cancel non-essential equine events during this period.
- Monitor horses closely for any signs of fever, nasal discharge, or neurological symptoms.
- Practice strict biosecurity measures, including limiting horse-to-horse contact, disinfecting equipment, and restricting access to visitors.
- Isolate any horse showing signs of illness and contact a licensed veterinarian immediately.

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture said it

would continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed.

Some were heeding the warnings. The El Dorado Union County Chamber said there would be no horses in the Christmas parade, while a White County barn announced it would be closed through Dec. 1 as a precaution. The UA-Monticello rodeo team's final competition in Kentucky was postponed as well.

Symptoms, treatment and prevention
"EHV is caused by a herpes virus infection in horses," said Veterinarian Jeremy Powell, professor of animal science for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture.

"EHV is transmitted easily between horses through direct — nose-to-nose —

contact, or infections can spread through aerosolized droplets during coughing or sneezing," he said. "Indirect transmission can also occur through shared water and feed buckets, tack, clothing or boots."

Once infected, "typically, we can see a wide variety of clinical signs that may include fever, nasal discharge, coughing, lethargy or weakness, neurologic symptoms and abortion in pregnant mares," he said. "These may be variable with an infection."

If the virus affects the nervous system, a horse may die due to complications with paralysis and recumbency — extended periods of lying down — which can cause respiratory issues and gastrointestinal damage.

"When horses become

infected, veterinarians can provide supportive care and symptomatic therapy, but there is no cure," Powell said. "Horses that have recovered from the disease can become latent carriers of the infection."

Infection is preventable, Powell said.

"Horses can routinely be vaccinated for this disease, so owners can check with their veterinarian," he said.

Advisories in Texas, Oklahoma

On Wednesday, the Texas Department of Agriculture issued an in-state alert of an outbreak of Equine Herpes-

virus Myeloencephalopathy — known as EHV-1 or EHM — reported by Texas veterinarians after the recent World Championship Barrel Finals near Waco, Texas, on Nov. 5-9.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller urged all horse owners, trainers, and venue operators who attended or were near the event, or who have recently returned from any large equine gathering in the Waco region in the last 14 days, to act swiftly, monitor their animals carefully, and implement heightened biosecurity measures.



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Mrs. Young's First Grade Thankful List
We are thankful for...
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Melanie Pioquinto – my family
Carter Singleton – Jesus because He is our Savior and my family
Jamie Singleton - my family
Liam Soto - Jesus and my family
Mariah Swift - my family and the teachers

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

In accordance with provisions of Arkansas Statute 8-4-203, public notice is hereby given that an administratively complete application seeking a modification of Open-Cut Mining Permit 0532-MN-A5 located at, in the city of Nashville in Howard County, Arkansas was submitted on September 08, 2025 to the Mining Program of the Division of Energy and Mineral Resources of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment by the following named applicant: CertainTeed Gypsum Manufacturing, Inc., 794 Highway 369 North, Nashville, Arkansas 71852. Any interested person may request the Department to hold a public hearing on the permit application. The request must be in writing, stating the reasons for the necessity of a public hearing, and must be submitted within 10 days of the publication date of this notice. The decision on whether to schedule a public hearing is at the Department's discretion. If a hearing is scheduled, first class mail notice will be provided to the permit applicant and to all persons who submitted individual written requests for a hearing within the 10-day period as provided by law. Requests for a hearing or additional information should be sent to: Ashlon Wasko, Mining Program Manager, Division of Energy and Mineral Resources, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, 3309 Phoenix Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903 or by email to Ashlon.Wasko@arkansas.gov. Dated this 26th day of November, 2025 By authority of the Director Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (pd. 23)



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS CIVIL DIVISION

CHRIS TEDFORD, *Petitioner,* Vs. 31 CV-25-122

JOANNA BOYD GUADAGNO OR, E. WAYNE HOLT, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST, *Defendants,*

IN REGARD TO A PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

NOTICE OF QUIET TITLE ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, a Petition to quiet title to lands in Howard County, Arkansas, described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of Section (35) in Township (8) South, Range (28) West, thence run South on Section Line Between Sections (35) and (36) in Township (8) South, Range (28) West a distance of sixty yards to the point of beginning, thence run east at right angles with section line eighty-seven and one third yards, thence South forty eight yards, thence west eighty-seven and one third yards to Section Line, thence run North forty-eight yards to the Point of Beginning and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of section (36) in Township (8) South, Range (28) West, lying in the town of Cent Point, Howard County, Arkansas.

The Defendants, and any and all other persons claiming said lands or interest thereon are hereby warned to appear in this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice and answer said Petition and show cause why the title to said lands should not be quieted and confirmed as set forth by the Petitioner or be forever barred from asserting his or her interest.

WITNESS my hand and seal as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas, this 18th day of November, 2025

Angie Lewis, CIRCUIT CLERK OF HOWARD, ARKANSAS (AB: 23 - 26)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES WITH TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027 TO AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2028

The Board of Directors of Dierks School District No. 2 of Howard County, Arkansas, in compliance with the requirements of Amendments No. 40 and No. 74 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas and of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-622 has prepared, approved and hereby makes public the proposed budget of expenditures, together with the tax rate, as follows:

1. Salary Fund Expenditures	\$2,909,000
2. Instructional Expense	\$890,000
3. Maintenance & Operation Expense	\$492,000
4. Dedicated M & O Expense	\$ 0
5. Pupil Transportation Expense	\$401,000
6. Other Operating Expense	\$ 50,000
7. Non-Bonded Debt Payment	\$ 0
8. Bonded Debt Payment	\$148,840

To provide for the foregoing proposed budget of expenditures, the Board of Directors proposes a total school tax rate (state and local) of 43.0 mills on the dollar of the assessed value of taxable property located in this School District. The proposed tax includes the uniform rate of tax (the "State-wide Uniform Rate") to be collected on all taxable property in the State and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to Amendment No. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution to be used solely for maintenance and operation of schools in the State. As provided in Amendment No. 74, the Statewide Uniform Rate replaces a portion of the existing rate of tax levied by this School District and available for maintenance and operation of schools in this District. The total proposed school tax levy of 43.0 mills includes 32.0 mills specifically voted for general maintenance and operation and 11.0 mills voted for debt service previously voted as a continuing levy pledged for the retirement of existing bonded indebtedness. The surplus revenues produced each year by debt service millage may be used by the District for other school purposes.

The total proposed school tax levy of 43.0 mills represents the same rate presently being levied.

GIVEN this 28th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DIERKS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Jaron, Tipton, President of Board
Kara Tedford, Secretary of Board
(DSD: 23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, ARKANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: JON REMINGTON MCELYEA CASE NO. 31PR-21-78

Warning Order

TO: Richard Blake Howard

Shall take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed on behalf of Dakota and Brooklyn McElyea in the Circuit Court of Howard County, Arkansas to adopt the minor children J.R.H. whose date of birth is February 3, 2015.

A hearing is currently scheduled for January 7, 2026 at 9 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse, 421 N. Main Street, Nashville, AR 71852,

Richard Blake Howard shall take notice that unless you appear and defend or otherwise respond within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this notice, an order may be entered and granted, or you will be otherwise barred from asserting your interest in this matter.

Angie Lewis, CIRCUIT CLERK (seal)

DATE November 21, 2025 (AB: 23 - 26)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Howard County Election Commission will meet on Friday , December 3,2025 at 10 am. at the Howard County Clerk's Office to draw ballot positions for the March 3, 2026, for the Preferential Primary Election.

James Jones- Chairman Commissioner
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This publication was paid by the Howard County Election Commission. The amount paid for this publication was \$28.80

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Nashville Christmas Parade Monday

The Nashville Chamber of Commerce will also present the annual Christmas Parade on Monday, Dec. 1 with a theme of “**Let It Glow.**”

“We really want to light up the town this season,” Pinkerton said, adding that parade entires are encouraged to “use lots of lights.”

Line-up will be at 4:45 in Scrapper Arena parking lot and entries are asked to enter the lot from Mount Pleasant Drive to keep the line-up headed in the right direction.

There will be monetary prizes for in the categories of religious, non-religious and non-float entries (such as trucks, ATV, etc). The parade will start rolling at 5:30.

To add to the holiday festivities, the chamber of also sponsoring a business holiday decorating contest. The contest is open to all businesses

and will included two divisions - large (10 or more employees) and small (less than 10 employees).

The winner in each category will receive a traveling trophy to be held for one year then passed on to the next year’s winners.

For more information about any of the NCC’s events, call the office at (870) 845-1262 or contact Pinkerton at (870) 845-7034.

Dierks Angel Tree ready for Adoption

The Dierks Chamber of Commerce has 171 “Angel Tree Kids” that need adopted at the following locations:

Diamond Bank, First State Bank,

Farmer’s Bank & Trust, Raven’s Flower & Gift Shop, Debbie Piddlin’ Shop, LAMA /Quick Track 51, Family Dollar and Dierks Pharmacy.

All gifts must be wrapped/in a bag and have the angel number on them and attached to the gifts.

All gifts must be returned to business by Dec. 12.

Murfreesboro Angel Tree ready to serve 40 families

Having collected forms from families, it has been announced that the Murfreesboro Angel Tree program will serve approximately 40 families and over 100 children this holiday season.

The effort has provided presents for almost 800 underprivileged Murfreesboro area children in the past ten years.

Angels are now available for collection by participating individuals at Branch Oil, Terri’s Place, Pike County Sheriff’s Office, First State Bank, KMB Nanny’s Kitchen, C-Stop, Diamond Bank and the Pike County Courthouse.

Any gifts purchased for the program must be turned in by Dec. 16, in a non-wrapped state, to the Pike County Sheriff’s Office.

Pickup of the gifts by families will be held on Dec. 20 at Murfreesboro Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Angie Strawn, who has overseen the program for the past four years along with daughter Kelsi Frachiseur,

said individual donations of money would be accepted as an option for those who didn’t wish or have the means to fulfill a complete list.

Strawn also asks that anyone who picks up an angel, contact her with the angel’s number and their name so she can determine toward the end of the program which gifts the program will have to purchase directly.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Strawn at (870) 285-5269 via phone or text.

State park offers wire-wrapping workshop

On Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., Crater of Diamonds State Park will host a workshop for anyone, ages 13 and up, interested in learning freeform wire wrapping.

The workshop will go over the basic tools, materials, and techniques needed before making freeform pendants that participants can take home.

Cost is \$30 per person, including a non-refundable \$10 registration fee

due by Dec. 5 (pay the remaining \$20 on the day of the workshop). Space is limited, and a minimum of three participants is required.

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